| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 21. | Organisation of Beneficiaries | 1.00 |
| 22. | Panchayat Development and Training | 1.00 |
| 23. | Roads in Special Problem Areas | 2.00 |
| 24. | Rural Godowns | 0.01 |
| 25. | Development of Rural Markets | 0.01 |
| 26. | Centre for Agril. Marketing | 4.00 |
| 27. | Estt. Expenditure of Directorate of Marketing & Inspection | 3.00 |
| 28. | Building for Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation. | 0.50 |
| 29. | Rural Housing | 10.00 |
| | TOTAL | 3100.00 |

**Low Priority to the Rural Development Scheme**

476. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in the "Economic Times" dated the 22nd December, 1992 under the caption "wrong priorities";

(b) if so, whether low priority is likely to be given to the rural development schemes during the financial year 1993-94 as compared to the previous years; and

(c) if not, what is the factual position in this regard?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Budget estimates for 1993-94 have not been presented in Lok Sabha.

**Reclamation of Wastelands**

477. SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's plan for wasteland development and reclamation of wasteland in the country.

(b) the details of the areas identified for wasteland development; and

(c) the agencies through which such projects are proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) the reconstituted National Wastelands Development Board (NWDB) under the newly created Department of Wastelands Development has adopted a board strategy for sustainable development of non-forest wastelands aimed at checking land degradation, putting such lands to sustainable use and increasing biomass production especially of fuelwood and fodder.

The following schemes have been proposed for implementation during the remaining part of the Eighth Five Year Plan:

1. Integrated Wastelands Development Project Scheme.

2. Investment Promotional Scheme.

3. Technology Development and Extension Scheme.

4. Support to Non-Government Organisations for Wastelands Development.

5. Scheme for Promotional and Critical Support services.

6. Wastelands Development Task Force.